

New Claims

26. (New) A device for assaying a fluid for the presence or absence of different analytes comprising:

- (A) a base having adjacent slots therein of sufficient length for insertion of a test strip therein, wherein each slot is defined by (a) a floor, (b) raised walls depending upwardly from the floor to separate each adjacent slot from the next, and (C) at least one open end;
- (B) a multiplicity of test strips having an upstream and a downstream end, wherein a single test strip is inserted into each slot of the base so the upstream end of each test strip protrudes out of the open end of each slot, and wherein each test strip has a test zone and a control zone therein, and each test zone contains a binder specific for a different analyte;
- (C) a cover attached to the upwardmost surface of each raised wall of the slots of the base and extending to the open end of said base, wherein the cover retains the test strips within the slots and has a first transparent window formed therein through which the test zone and the control zone of each of the test strips can be viewed;
- (D) said base and said cover forming the housing for said test strips extending beyond that housing; and
- (E) a removable cap over said base and cover enclosing the protruding ends of the test strips extending beyond the housing, the cap also containing a sample port formed through which fluid analyte sample may be applied to the protruding ends of the test strips when in place over the strips.

36. (New) The device of claim 35 wherein the cap on the side opposing the sample port, contains a base having a raised bar therein which defines a fluid reservoir beneath the sample port.

37. (New) The device according to Claim 35 further comprising a second transparent window formed within the cover through which the test strips can be viewed.

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38. (New) The device according to Claim 35 further comprising a multiplicity of test strips inserted into each slot of the base, wherein each test strip has a test zone therein and each test zone contains a binder specific for a different analyte.

39. (New) The device according to Claim 38 wherein each binder is specific for a different drug of abuse.

40. (New) The device according to Claim 37 wherein each test zone is visible through the first transparent window of the cover.

41. (New) The device according claim 37 each test strip further comprises a label downstream of the test zone, which label identifies the analyte for which the binder is specific.

42. (New) The device according to claim 41, wherein the label on the test strip is visible through the second transparent window of the cover.

43. (New). The device according to Claim 38 wherein the drug of abuse is from the group consisting of methamphetamine, opiates/morphine, marijuana/tetrahydrocannabinol, amphetamine, cocaine/benzoylecgonine, methadone, PCP, barbituate, trichloroacetic acid and benzodiazepine.

Claim Status

Claims 1-25 previously cancelled

Claims 26 to 34 cancelled by this response.

Added Claims:

35. (New) A device for assaying a fluid for the presence or absence of different analytes comprising:
- (A) a base having adjacent slots therein of sufficient length for insertion of a test strip therein, wherein each slot is defined by (a) a floor, (b) raised walls depending upwardly from the floor to separate each adjacent slot from the next, and (C) at least one open end;
 - (B) a multiplicity of test strips having an upstream and a downstream end, wherein a single test strip is inserted into each slot of the base so the upstream end of each test strip protrudes out of the open end of each slot, and wherein each test strip has a test zone and a control zone therein, and each test zone contains a binder specific for a different analyte;
 - (C) a cover attached to the upwardmost surface of each raised wall of the slots of the base and extending to the open end of said base, wherein the cover retains the test strips within the slots and has a first transparent window formed therein through which the test zone and the control zone of each of the test strips can be viewed;
 - (D) said base and said cover forming the housing for said test strips extending beyond that housing; and
 - (E) a removable cap over said base and cover enclosing the protruding ends of the test strips extending beyond the housing, the cap also containing a sample port formed through which fluid analyte sample may be applied to the protruding ends of the test strips when in place over the strips.
36. (New) The device of claim 35 wherein the cap on the side opposing the sample port, contains a base having a raised bar therein which defines a fluid reservoir beneath the sample port.

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37. (New) The device according to Claim 35 further comprising a second transparent window formed within the cover through which the test strips can be viewed.

38. (New) The device according to Claim 35 further comprising a multiplicity of test strips inserted into each slot of the base, wherein each test strip has a test zone therein and each test zone contains a binder specific for a different analyte.

39. (New) The device according to Claim 38 wherein each binder is specific for a different drug of abuse.

40. (New) The device according to Claim 37 wherein each test zone is visible through the first transparent window of the cover.

41. (New) The device according claim 37 each test strip further comprises a label downstream of the test zone, which label identifies the analyte for which the binder is specific.

42. (New) The device according to claim 41, wherein the label on the test strip is visible through the second transparent window of the cover.

43. (New). The device according to Claim 38 wherein the drug of abuse is from the group consisting of methamphetamine, opiates/morphine, marijuana/tetrahydrocannabinol, amphetamine, cocaine/benzoylecgonine, methadone, PCP, barbituate, trichloroacetic acid and benzodiazepine.